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COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

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1. Pursuant to NSCID No. 1, paragraph 3, the following comprehensive national intelligence objectives, generally applicable to all foreign countries and areas, are hereby established:

a. Basic descriptive data as outlined in NIS Standard Instructions.

b. Social, economic, and political stability and trends of development; susceptibility to foreign influence or coercion; vulnerability to subversion.

c. Military capabilities and vulnerabilities, offensive and defensive, including economic, scientific and technical, and psychological factors.

d. Capabilities to influence, coerce, or subvert other governments and peoples; capabilities for espionage, sabotage, and other clandestine operations in other countries.

e. Foreign policy, including strategic concepts and intentions; international alignment, with particular reference to alignment with or against the US or the USSR; disposition and intention to interfere in the internal affairs of other states; preparation for and intention to resort to armed action against other states.

2. Priority national intelligence objectives, with reference to specific countries and subjects, will be set forth in a separate DCID.

3. DCID 1/2, "Comprehensive National Intelligence Objectives," 21 April 1958, is hereby rescinded.

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PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

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1. Pursuant to NSCID No. 1, paragraph 3, the following list of priority national intelligence objectives is established as a guide for the coordination of intelligence collection and production in response to requirements relating to the formulation and execution of national security policy. This list replaces that contained in DCID No. 1/3, 24 May 1960, which is hereby rescinded.

2. In accordance with the criteria set forth in the Annex, all items in this listing are deemed to be critical national intelligence factors requiring priority attention and effort. Distinction is made, however, between three levels of priority within the general priority category. Order of listing within these three groups is a matter of convenience in presentation and has no significance with respect to the relative priority of specific items within the group.

3. Although a given subject may be listed as a matter of priority, not every bit of information relating to it will be required with equal urgency and some may be procurable by routine means. It is therefore incumbent upon research personnel to exercise discrimination in allocating analytical resources and in formulating information requirements so as to accord priority only to those aspects of the listed subject which actually require a priority research or collection effort. Similarly, if specific collection and analytic facilities are inadequate to satisfy all the requirements levied upon them, a determination of priority in their use will have to be made, under the general guidance of the PNIO's but in terms of specific operational capabilities.

4. In order to afford a stable basis for intelligence planning, this directive is designed to remain valid over an extended period. It will be reviewed annually, or on the request of any member of the USIB. It is recognized that urgent interim requirements may arise requiring ad hoc treatment.



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